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Amendments to the Claims

Please replace the previous set of pending claims with the following complete set of pending claims.

4. (Currently Amended) An active external change aid device for assisting in ~~the~~ an application or removal of an ~~articles~~ article worn externally on ~~the~~ a body of a wearer, ~~the active external change aid comprising at least one~~ an effect generating element comprising a magnet, an air jet, or a thermal cell being capable of moving at least a portion of the article from a first point to a second point during the application or removal of the article, the effect generating element being capable of emitting energy, wherein the at least one effect generating element is selected from the group consisting of a magnet, an air jet, and a thermal cell.
19. (Currently Amended) An active external change aid device for assisting in ~~the~~ an application or removal of an ~~articles~~ article worn externally on ~~the~~ a body of a wearer, ~~the active external change aid comprising at least one~~ an effect generating element, wherein the effect generating element performs a transformation which modifies at least capable of transforming a portion of the article from a first condition to at least one a second condition.
20. (Currently Amended) The active external change aid device of Claim 19 wherein the ~~transformation comprises a change in~~ effect generating element is capable of changing a material property within the article.
21. (Currently Amended) The active external change aid device of Claim 20 wherein the ~~change in material property is a change in~~ effect generating element is capable of changing a flexibility, a size, a tackiness, or a combinations combination thereof.
22. (Currently Amended) The active external change aid device of Claim 19 wherein the effect generating element ~~produces~~ is capable of producing a thermal effect, a magnetic field or an electric current.

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23. (Currently Amended) The active external change aid device of Claim 19 wherein the ~~transformation comprises an activation or deactivation of~~ effect generating element is capable of activating or deactivating an adhesive.
24. (Currently Amended) The active external change aid device of Claim 19 wherein the ~~transformation is temporary~~ effect generating element is capable of temporarily transforming the portion of the article.
25. (Currently Amended) The active external change aid device of Claim 19 wherein the ~~transformation comprises~~ effect generating element is capable of connecting a first portion of the article with a second portion of the article.